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## Summary

This bill would fund the Agriculture Research, Education, Extension, and Technology Transfer (AGREETT) program in state fiscal years 2024 and 2025. The bill would increase funding over the base (or current) level by \$1 million per year (from \$9.3 to \$10.3 million) and dedicate this increase to the Minnesota Agricultural Education Leadership Council (MAELC) to enhance agricultural education with priority given to Farm Business Management Challenge Grants. H.F. 1147 would designate \$3 million per year for this purpose, which is a \$1 million per year increase over the base or current level.

The legislature established the AGREETT program in 2015 to supplement existing state support for agricultural research and education. The legislature appropriates AGREETT dollars to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for distribution to the University of Minnesota (agricultural research/extension/technology transfer) and MAELC (agricultural education).

The legislature established MAELC in 1997 to, in part, foster and encourage the development of secondary and postsecondary agricultural education programs.

Farm Business Management is a program offered by participating Minnesota State colleges that assists farm owners and operators in meeting their business and personal goals through quality records and sound business decisions. According to MAELC, Farm Business Management Challenge Grants are available to Farm Business Management programs to help offset direct program costs and the expense of hiring additional faculty.